

In the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph as follows:

a! This application is a continuation application of copending application Serial No. 09/112,068 filed July 8, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part application of copending application Serial Number 09/003,113, filed January 6, 1998 now abandoned, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

In the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract as follows:

a! Methods and devices are provided for reducing the concentration of low molecular weight compounds in a biological composition, while substantially maintaining a desired biological activity of the biological composition. The device comprises highly porous adsorbent particles, and the adsorbent particles are immobilized by an inert matrix. The matrix containing the particles is contained in a housing, and the particles range in diameter from about 1 μm to about 200 μm . The matrix can be fibrous, and the particles can have a surface area greater than 750 m^2/g and a pore diameter between about 25 and 800 \AA . The device can be used to adsorb and remove a pathogen-inactivating compound that is a nucleic acid-binding compound such as psoralen, an acridine derivative or a dye from a biological composition such as a blood product.

In the Figures:

Please replace the informal drawings with the enclosed formal drawings.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-57 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.